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Mr. Tom Porta  
Deputy Administrator  
Nevada Division of Environmental Protection  
333 W. Nye Lane, Room 138  
Carson City, NV 89706

Dear Mr. Porta:

Thank you for submitting the Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for cadmium, copper, dissolved oxygen, iron, pH, phosphorus, temperature, total suspended solids, turbidity, and total dissolved solids in Mill Creek and the East Fork Owyhee River and supporting documentation dated May 10, 2005. Based on EPA's review of the submittal, I have concluded that the TMDLs adequately address the pollutants of concern and, upon implementation, will result in attainment of the water quality standards for cadmium, copper, dissolved oxygen, iron, pH, phosphorus, temperature, total suspended solids, turbidity, and total dissolved solids in Mill Creek and the East Fork Owyhee River. The TMDLs include allocations as needed, evaluate the contributions from all potential sources, define the critical conditions and provide an adequate margin of safety. The State provided adequate opportunities for public review and comment on the TMDLs and demonstrated how public comments were considered in the final TMDLs. All required elements are adequately addressed; therefore, the TMDLs are hereby approved pursuant to Clean Water Act Section 303(d)(2).

I appreciate the State's work to complete these TMDLs and look forward to our continued partnership in TMDL development and implementation. If you have any questions concerning this approval, please call me at (415) 972-3435 or Stephanie Wilson at (775) 885-6190.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alexis Strauss".

Alexis Strauss  
Director  
Water Division

30 June 2005

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